THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) No, Sir. On 30.06.2005, 9310 Shanti Express reached Dakor station at 10.13 hours. Thereafter, Western Railway had immediately swung into action at the Divisional levels by hiring State buses and started evacuating the stranded passengers and shifted 156 passengers to Ahmedabad between 1430 hours & 1600 hours. Further rescue work had to be suspended as floods had affected the road network. As regards provision of relief to the passengers, the refreshment stall at Dakor station was replenished continuously with milk and snacks. Railway authorities remained in constant touch with State and District authorities for providing assistance. The Armed Forces were also asked for air dropping of relief materials which could be possible only in the afternoon of 01.07.2005 due to inclement weather in morning hours. Two trips of helicopter dropped 4 tonnes of relief materials in 400 gunny bags on the cover shed of Dakor station between 1300 hours & 1330 hours on 01.07.2005.

In the evening of 01.07.2005 when the water level started receding, the passengers were shifted to various guest houses and by 1230 hours on 02.07.2005, 230 passengers were shifted to nearby Dharmashalas/ Guest houses/School. Food was provided to them with the help of State authorities. Again on 02.07.2005 between 1230-1300 hours helicopter dropped 2 tonnes of relief material consisting of food packets, fruits, biscuits, namkeen packet and drinking water. Further, a special train with 500 food packets, 200 packets of biscuits, 20 kilogram fruits, 700 pouches of water and 2 creates of mineral water for the passengers were also sent from Vadodara at 1840 hours on 02.07.2005.

Finally, a special train left Dakor at 2358 hours on 02.07.2005 with 220 passengers for Godhra. 10 passengers left by their own means. From Godhra all the passengers were sent to Ahmedabad by buses on 03.07.2005.

(c) Disaster Management Plans of the Railways provide for such contingencies.

Rail projects in UP, Maharashtra and Uttaranchal

†623. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the ongoing rail projects in Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Uttaranchal and the amount so far spent on these projects;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the estimated cost of each project along with the amount allocated for these projects during 2005-06; and

(c) the time frame set to complete these projects and the steps taken by Government to complete these projects in time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) There are at present 10 new line, 13 gauge conversion, 24 doubling, 4 railway electrification and 4 metropolitan transport projects in Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Uttaranchal which are at various stages of progress. The names of these projects are given in Statement-I. (See below) An amount of approx. Rs. 3521 crore has been spent on these projects upto 31.03.2005.

(b) Estimated cost of all ongoing railway projects and amount allocated for these projects for 2005-06 is given in the Pink Book which has been submitted to Rajya Sabha alongwith the Budget documents.

(c) Progress of these works is subject to availability of funds. No time frame can be fixed for completing the projects unless matching availability of resources is assured at the time of taking up of these projects. However, the projects in these States which have been targeted for completion during the current year are given in the Statement-II.

Statement-I

The names of the ongoing Projects in UP, Maharashtra and Uttaranchal

S.No.	Project	State
New Lines		
1	Amravati Narkher	Maharashtra
2	Guna-Etawah	Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh
3	Lalitpur-Satna & Rewa-Singrauli	Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh
4	Ahmednagar-Beed-Parli Vaijnath	Maharashtra
5	Baramati-Lonad	Maharashtra
6	Etawah-Mainpuri	Uttar Pradesh
7	Puntamba-Shirdi	Maharashtra
8	Agra-Etawah via Fatehabad and Bah	Uttar Pradesh
9	Hathua-Deoria Sadar	Bihar, Uttar Pradesh
10	Kichha-Khatima	Uttaranchal
Gauge-Conversion		
1	Gonda-Bahraich-Sitapur-Lucknow PH I	Uttar Pradesh
2	Solapur (Hotgi)-Gadag	Maharashtra, Karnataka

S.No.	Project	State
3	Secunderabad-Mudkhed & Jankhampet-Bodhan	Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra
4	Midkhed-Adilabad	Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh
5	Akola-Purna	Maharashtra
6	Gonda-Gorakhpur Loop with Anand nagar Nautanwa	Uttar Pradesh
7	Kanpur-Kasganj-Mathura-Bareilly including for extension from Bareilly to Lalkuan	Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal
8	Miraj-Latur	Maharashtra
9	Aunrihar-Jaunpur	Uttar Pradesh
10	Mathura-Achnera	Uttar Pradesh
11	Chhindwara-Nagpur	Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh
12	Kaptanganj-Thave-Siwan-Chhapra	Bihar Uttar Pradesh
13	Jabalpur-Gondia including Balaghat-Katangi	Madhya Pradesh, Maharasthra
Doubling		
1	Amroha-Kankather	Uttar Pradesh
2	Kanpur-Panki 3rd line	Uttar Pradesh
3	Gorakhpur-Sahajanva	Uttar Pradesh
4	Utratia-Chandrauli and Sultanpur-Bandhua Kalan	Uttar Pradesh
5	Manikpur-Cheonki PH-I Doubling of Manikpur-Katiadandi	Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh
6	Diva Kalyan doubling of 5-6 line	Maharashtra
7	Tundla-Yamuna Bridge	Uttar Pradesh
8	Naini link junction - extn of shunting neck	Uttar Pradesh
9	Babhnan-Mankapur patch doubling	Uttar Pradesh
10	Sahjanwa-Munderwa patch doubling	Uttar Pradesh
11	Allahabad-Subedarganj 3rd line	Uttar Pradesh
12	Bhimsen-Juhi	Uttar Pradesh
13	3rd line between Panki-Bhaupur	Uttar Pradesh
14	Gonda-Mankapur	Uttar Pradesh
15	Zafrabad-Utratia PH-II (Zafrabad-Srikrishnnagar)	Uttar Pradesh
16	Lohgara-Katiadandi	Uttar Pradesh
17	Panvel-Jasai-JNPT	Maharashtra
18	Aligarh-Ghaziabad 3rd line	Uttar Pradesh
19	Sahibabad-Anand Vihar-3rd & 4th line	Delhi, Uttar Pradesh
20	Hapur-Kankather	Uttar Pradesh
21	Pakni-Mahol	Maharashtra
22	Pakni-Solapur	Maharashtra
23	Cheonki-Lohgara	Uttar Pradesh
24	Garrah Bridge	Uttar Pradesh
Metropolitan Transport Projects		
1	Thane-Mumbra-Diva 5th and 6th line	Maharashtra
2	Thane Turbhe Nerul/Vashi part of corridor no. 1 in New Mumbai	Maharashtra

S.No.	Project	State
3	Belapur-Seawood-Uran electrified double line	Maharashtra
4	Mumbai Urban Transport Project (MUTP)	Maharashtra
Railway Electrification		
1	Ambala-Moradabad	Uttar Pradesh, Haryana
2	Khurja-Meerut-Saharanpur	Uttar Pradesh
3	Moradabad-Lucknow-Uttratia	Uttar Pradesh
4	Mugalsarai-Zafrabad	Uttar Pradesh

Statement-II

Projects in U.P. and Maharashtra targetted to be completed in 2005-06

S.No.	Project		State Length (in Kms)
1.	Uttar Pradesh	Kanpur-Farukhabad-Gauge Conversion	137
2.	Uttar Pradesh	Cheonki-Lohgara-Doubling	27
3.	Uttar Pradesh	Zafrabad-Utratia-Doubling	34
4.	Uttar Pradesh	Utratia-Chandrauli & Sultanpur-Banduan Kalan-Doubling	37
5.	Maharashtra	Diva-Kalyan 5th & 6th line	11
6.	Maharashtra	Panvel-Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust-Doubling	29

No Project is targeted for completion in the current year in the state of Uttaranchal.

Improvement of goods transport facilitation rail network

624. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to improve various goods transport facilitation rail network in the next five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken or proposed to be taken for generating additional rail capacity for carrying long and short haul bulk goods by making it industry and consumer friendly;

(c) whether it is a fact that Japan International Co-operation Agency has offered financial assistance for Mumbai-Delhi and Mumbai-Kolkata rail corridor project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Improvement and expansion of the Rail